

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims, in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A module for a wavelength division multiplexing system comprising:
 - a plurality of fiberoptic adapters for connecting and routing of fiber optic cables, the plurality of adapters having at least a first adapter and second adapter associated therewith;
 - a first connector panel having a first stepped face comprising a plurality of steps, each of the plurality of first steps having an essentially planar surface capable of receiving the first adapter;
 - a second connector panel having a second stepped face comprising a plurality of steps, each of the plurality of second steps having an essentially planar surface capable of receiving the second adapter;
 - a base having at least one handle essentially planar in shape and releasably attached to the first and second connector panels, the base further having a handle integral therewith for facilitating removal of the module;
 - a multiplexing clamp releasably mounted to the base;
 - a first splice platform releasably mounted to at least one of the base, the cover, or the multiplexing clamp; and
 - a second splice platform located proximate to the first splice platform and releasably mounted to at least one of the base, the multiplexing clamp, the first splice platform, or the cover.
 - ~~a first connector panel attached to the base;~~
 - ~~a second connector panel attached to the base;~~
 - ~~a multiplexing clamp;~~
 - ~~a first splice platform; and~~
 - ~~a second splice platform.~~

2. (New) The module of claim 1 wherein the planar surface of each of the first steps is oriented in a first direction.
3. (New) The module of claim 1 wherein the planar surface of each of the second steps is oriented in a second direction, the second direction being non-parallel to the first direction.
4. (New) The module of claim 1 further comprising:
a cover oppositely mounted from the base and releasably attached to the first and second panels.
5. (New) The module of claim 1 wherein the handle is formed from said planar base having a hole there through.